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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE WORK OF THE

FABIAN SOCIETY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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ESTABLISHED 1883.

Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Executive Committee for the Year ending 31st March, 1910.

Adopted by the Annual Meeting on 13th May, 1910.

THE year under review has been dominated by elections, for Parliament, for county councils, and for metropolitan borough councils in addition to the annual elections in municipal boroughs; in April, 1910 (a few days after the close of the year under review), for the London guardians, as well as the usual annual elections for other guardians and urban and rural districts, and in March and April, 1910, for the parish councils. Meanwhile the prospect of another Parliamentary election in the coming summer is already stirring to vigorous life the various political associations in which our members take, or should take, an active part.

The results of all these elections, although by no means unfavorable to Socialism, have been from our standpoint tame and somewhat disappointing. We have suffered no serious defeats, but we have achieved no unexpected victories. The attack on Socialism has failed, and the electors have shown that they are not to be scared by the garbled extracts and lurid perversions of the Anti-Socialist campaigners.

Socialist candidates for Parliament and for local bodies have fared neither better nor worse than Liberals and Progressives. The constituencies have been interested in Free Trade or Tariff Reform, in the Budget or the House of Lords, in local questions or personalities, and have returned or rejected candidates on these issues, without much regard to their opinions on matters of less immediate practicability.

The result has been that our Society, like other Socialist bodies, has made moderate progress, but cannot record a repetition of the remarkable advance which followed the Socialist victories of the General Election of 1906, and the bye-elections of a few months later.

The General Election.

In the course of the year the Executive Committee resolved to promote two candidates for Parliament, both in the first instance put forward by the I.L.P., who willingly transferred to us the financial responsibility required by the Labor Party.

At Portsmouth W. Stephen Sanders had polled 8,172 votes in 1906, beating both Conservative candidates. One of the Liberal members died in November, and for some weeks a bye-election campaign was fought. This caused the Liberals to put up a candidate for the seat, who was retained for the General Election, and thus the hope that the Labor candidate would have a "clear run" (as in all other two member constituencies fought by the Party) was frustrated. After causing considerable expenditure the bye-election was abandoned, and at the General Election in January the popularity of Lord Charles Beresford and other causes put our candidate at the bottom of the poll with an unexpectedly small vote. The figures were as follows:—

Lord C. Beresford (C.)	16,777
B. G. Falle (C.)	15,592
Sir T. A. Bramsden (L.)	12,397
R. C. Lambert (L.)	9,965
W. S. Sanders (Lab.)	3,529
Majority (C.)	4,380

Two Conservative gains.

As 1,500 votes were split between Bramsden and Sanders, the absence of a fifth candidate, whether Liberal or Labor, would not, on the figures, have affected the result.

At Huddersfield Harry Snell, one of our most experienced professional lecturers, was already adopted as Labor candidate for this town when we decided to give him our official support. In 1906 a Labor candidate was beaten by a Liberal by 489 and 340 at the General and a bye-election, in both cases heading the Conservative by a substantial figure. Notwithstanding unfavorable local circumstances our candidate did excellently, increasing his vote by 264 over the previous election, but the Liberal did better still; the figures were:—

A. J. Sherwell (L.)	7,158
H. Snell (Lab.)	5,686
H. Smith (C.)	5,153
L. majority over Lab.	1,472

In all 20 of our members were candidates for Parliament, of whom 8 were elected, 4 to the Labor Party and 4 as Liberals. As at the dissolution 6 Labor members and 5 Liberals belonged to the Society, the net result is a loss of three seats. On the other hand, at the General Election of 1906 only 7 Fabians were elected, and the other 4 joined the Society subsequently.

The successful candidates were as follows :—

LABOR.

Blackburn (2)... ...	Sir T. Barclay (L.)	12,065
	Philip Snowden (Lab.)	**11,896**
	Lord R. Cecil (C.F.T.)	9,307
	G. S. Bowles (C.F.T.)	9,111
	Labor majority	2,589

Lab. no change. L. gain. Majority 1906, 1,350.

Leeds (East)	**J. O'Grady (Lab.)**...	**5,373**
	W. H. Clarke (C.)	2,308
	Labor majority	3,065

No change. Lab. majority 1906, 2,091.

Merthyr (2)	E. Jones (L.)	15,448
	J. Keir Hardie (Lab.)	**13,841**
	W. P. Morgan (I.L.)	4,756
	A. C. F. Davies (C.)	3,639
	Labor majority	9,085

No change. Lab. majority 1906, 2,411.

Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	E. Shortt (L.)	18,779
	Walter Hudson (Lab.)	**18,241**
	Sir W. R. Plummer (C.)	14,067
	G. Renwick (C.)	13,928
	Labor majority	4,174

Lab. no change. Lib. gain on bye-election.

LIBERAL.

Haggerston	**H. G. Chancellor (L.)**	**3,041**
	Hon. R. Guinness (C.)	2,585
	H. Burrows (S.D.P.)	701
	L. majority	456

Gain. C. majority, bye-election, 1,143.

Newcastle-under-Lyme	**J. C. Wedgwood (L.)**	**5,613**
	Capt. G. S. Grogan (C.)	4,245
	L. majority	1,368

No change. Majority 1906, 2,207.

Thornbury	**Athelstan Rendall (L.)**	**7,270**
	C. Ward (C.)	6,251
	L. majority	1,019

No change. 1906 majority, 2,130.

Tottenham	**Percy Alden (L.)**		**12,392**
	E. V. Sturdy (C.)		11,787
		L. majority	605

No change. Majority, 1906, 2,947.

All these were sitting members except H. G. Chancellor, who won a sensational victory from the Conservatives.

The following members of the Society were unsuccessful candidates :—

LABOR PARTY.

Birmingham (Bordesley). F. Hughes, 3,453. C. majority, 5,568. No change.

Bow and Bromley. G. Lansbury, 2,955. C. majority, 740 over Lab. Three candidates. Conservative gain. The sitting Liberal was at the bottom of the poll with only 2,167 votes.

Middlesborough. Patrick Walls, 2,710. L. majority, 2914 over C. Three candidates. No change.

Wakefield. Dr. Stanton Coit, 2,602. C. majority 519. No change.

Woolwich. Will Crooks, 8,420. C. majority 295. Loss. Lab. majority 1906, 2,112.

LIBERAL.

Birmingham (Edgbaston). J. H. Morgan, 2,850. C. majority 5,101. No change.

Finsbury (Central). W. C. Steadman, 3,187. C. majority 372. Loss.

North Paddington. L. G. Chiozza Money, 3,999. C. majority 893. Loss.

South Paddington. F. T. H. Henlé, 1,419. C. majority 2,258. No change.

INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST.

Swansea. Ben Tillett, 1,451. Three candidates. No change.

THE PARLIAMENTARY FUND.

In consequence of the election the guarantors to this fund were requested to send further contributions for the purposes of the election. At the beginning of the year the fund had £148 in hand: by its close the guarantors had paid £556 and other members had sent £154, which, with interest on deposit, made up a total of £860. Of this £104 was spent on organizing, etc., £246 on the Huddersfield contest, and, owing to the prolonged campaign, the large sum of £470 at Portsmouth. A balance of £40 therefore remains on hand. It should be remarked that, in addition to our contribution, £290 was collected locally and £38 given by the Labor Party to the Huddersfield contest ; whilst at Portsmouth local receipts amounted to £148 and £28 was received from the Labor Party.

The London County Council.

The term of office of our two aldermen—Ben Cooper and W. Stephen Sanders—expired, and three sitting councillors—Will Crooks, R. C. Phillimore, and Sidney Webb—did not seek re-election.

The election took place in March, when all our members who sought re-election were successful. The Rev. S. D. Headlam headed the poll at Bethnal Green, and R. A. Bray at North Camberwell; in North Lambeth Frank Smith retained his seat; at Bow and Bromley George Lansbury headed the poll and won a seat from the Moderates; and at Poplar R. C. K. Ensor was elected in place of Will Crooks, retired.

Dr. Ethel Bentham was unsuccessful at North Kensington, Miss Bondfield at Woolwich, Ben Cooper at Hammersmith, and J. Gilbert Dale at Kennington.

The new council, in which the Progressive and Labor Parties combined were only in a minority of two elected members, has a substantial Moderate majority, because that party, contrary to precedent, filled all the aldermanic vacancies with its own supporters. But it selected W. Stephen Sanders as one of the co-opted members of the Education Committee.

The Fabian Women's Group gave great assistance to Dr. Bentham in her candidature, and made itself responsible for her election expenses. In addition to this special subscription, a sum of £40 was raised for the Fabian candidates and divided between them, the greater part in accordance with the instructions of the donors.

Meetings of the Society.

Nineteen meetings of the Society have been held during the year, two more than last year.

The regular course consisted of five lectures on "The Future of Socialism," prepared in consultation, and given by members of the Nursery, who attempted to state afresh the principles of Socialism in the light of the latest developments of political and social thought.

No less than six out of the other ten lectures dealt, more or less, with the relation between the State, the economic system, and the family, approaching the problems of the wage work of women and nurture of children from various points of view, historical, descriptive, and constructive. These lectures were not, however, arranged as a series, and the number of them is an indication of the trend of present day thought and, in part, of the all pervading influence of the "Minority Report." All these were given by members of the Society. Of the remaining four lectures, two were given us by foreigners, Dr. Veidl, of Vienna, on the Municipal Developments in that city, and Madame Vera Figner on her Twenty Years Imprisonment in Schlusselberg, a recital of oppression which was heard with keen interest and indignation by a large audience.

Two meetings were rather of the nature of discussions. At the first the Fabian members of the Royal Commission on the Poor

Laws and Relief of Distress gave an extremely instructive account of the principles of the Minority Report and of their share in its preparation. A few weeks later an opportunity was afforded to Joseph Fels, Josiah C. Wedgwood, and L. H. Behrens to present the case of Taxation of Land Values as a Prevention of Unemployment.

Two business meetings were held, the Annual Meeting for the adoption of the Report, and another at which several motions were discussed, including one relating to the forcible feeding of prisoners which had the unexpected effect of drawing from the Home Secretary a lengthy letter to the *Times* and other newspapers containing an agitated denial of the charges made. Subsequent events threw a curious light on this denial.

Owing to constant overcrowding at Essex Hall, the meeting place was changed at the beginning of the year to the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, where the large Hall affords ample accommodation for the members and their friends.

The following is a complete list of the meetings :

AT MEMORIAL HALL.

"The Future of Socialism."

Nov.	26.	"The Heart of Socialism"	W. A. Colegate
Dec.	17.	"The Future of Industry"	Clifford D. Sharp
Jan.	28.	"The Future of National Finance"	G. R. Blanco White
Feb.	11.	"The New Environment"	Sydney Herbert
Feb.	25.	"The Political Future"	H. H. Schloesser

Other Lectures.

April	2.	"Revolutionary Fabianism"	Clifford D. Sharp
May	21.	"Compulsory Training for National Defence"	Spenser Wilkinson
June	11.	"The Economic Disintegration of the Family"	Mrs. Charlotte Mary Wilson
June	25.	"The Household and the Community: a Plea for New Relations"	Mabel Atkinson
Oct.	8.	"Maternity Pensions and the Endowment of Motherhood"	Henry D. Harben
Oct.	22.	"A Year's Work in a Slum Dispensary" ...	Dr. L. Haden Guest
Dec.	3.	"Twenty Years in Schlusselburg"	Madame Vera Figner
Jan.	14.	"Care Committees and their Work"...	Mrs. Townshend
March	4.	"Social Municipalism in Vienna"	Dr. Veidl
March	18.	"Wage-earning Mothers"	Miss Margaret Bondfield

Discussions.

April	23.	"The Poor Law Commission"	Mrs. Sidney Webb and George Lansbury
May	7.	"Not only a Remedy for, but the Prevention of Unemployment"	Joseph Fels, Josiah C. Wedgwood, M.P., L. H. Behrens

Business Meetings.

May	14.	Annual Meeting.
Nov.	12.	Business Meeting. Private Members' Motions.

Conferences.

The annual conference of the Executive Committee with the delegates from the local Fabian Societies and London local Subject Groups, instituted in 1907, was held this year on July 10th at University Hall, Gordon Square, and was attended by seventeen members of the Executive, delegates from fourteen local societies, three uni-

versity societies, as well as the representatives of London District Groups and Subject Groups—seventy-five persons in all. The new regulations for the annual conference, which were submitted by the Executive Committee, were discussed and, after amendment, adopted. This was the chief business before the meeting. The Northern Fabian Conference was held on May 1st at Sheffield, and was attended by about 120 members of the Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Leeds and other Fabian Societies in the north. "The Relation of the Provincial Fabian Societies to London," "The Political Policy of Fabian Societies," and the Reports of the Royal Commission on the Poor Law were the chief matters discussed.

Suburban Lectures.

In spite of the break made in propaganda work by the General Election in January last, twenty-one courses of lectures, in nearly every case of four each, on "The Abolition of Poverty" and "Modern Socialism," under the Suburban Scheme, were given between the end of September and the beginning of April by W. Stephen Sanders, H. Snell, and, in one instance, H. H. Schloesser. Owing to the abortive bye-election at Portsmouth several of the courses begun by W. Stephen Sanders were completed by Miss Murby, J. H. Greenwood and Miss Atkinson. The lectures were given at Bexley Heath, Catford, Chiswick, Chelmsford, Clapham (two courses), Cricklewood, Croydon, Deptford, Forest Gate, Golder's Green, Greenwich, Ilford, Raynes Park, Sidcup, Southgate, Sydenham, Tunbridge Wells Wandsworth, Willesden, and Woodford. The number of courses is one more than last year, and more applications for them were received than could be granted. Eleven of the courses were organized by local Fabian societies and groups. The total net cost of the lectures amounted to £172.

Provincial Lectures.

The organization of provincial lecturing was considerably disturbed by the General Election campaign, and the exhaustion of public interest in political and social subjects which resulted therefrom. Nevertheless, although a large number of engagements had to be cancelled, twenty-six courses of four lectures each on "The Abolition of Poverty" were given under the Provincial Scheme by H. Beaumont, H. H. Schloesser, Holbrook Jackson, W. Stephen Sanders, and, in one case, by J. H. Greenwood, at Abergavenny, Bath, Colchester, Coventry, Darlington, Elland, Griffithstown, Halifax, Hanley, Leeds, Leicester, Middlesborough, Newport, Newton Abbot, Otley, Plymouth, Pontnewydd, Sevenoaks, Stourbridge, Sunderland, Swindon, Taunton, Uxbridge, Walsall, West Hartlepool and Yeovil. The net cost to the Society for the twenty-six courses was £194. Last year thirty-two courses were given in the provinces.

G. Bernard Shaw, as last year, took part in the work of provincial propaganda by addressing five large meetings at Huddersfield, Leicester, Llandudno, Walsall and Sidcup. Local Fabian organizations arranged the gatherings, which were in every way most successful.

Other Lectures.

Lectures have been given to Independent Labor Party branches, Land Clubs, literary and debating societies and other bodies, by members of the Society whose names are on the lecture list. In many instances these have been arranged through the Office; but as our members become known as lecturers, societies make engagements direct with them. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb have lectured on the Minority Report under the auspices of the Hull, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield and other Fabian societies. The Organizing Secretary has lectured for the Burnley, Darwen, Huddersfield, Liverpool, York, and the Oxford University and Cambridge University Fabian societies.

New Societies.

Fabian societies have been formed during the year at Bolton, Chesterfield, Colchester, Golder's Green, Liverpool University, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Sevenoaks, Southampton, and Tunbridge Wells. On the other hand, the societies at Bedales, Southport, and Carnarvon have ceased to exist: in the first two cases owing to the removal of the active members to other districts. Deducting these three, the number of provincial societies and groups at the end of March was forty-six, of which eight are in connection with the universities. The number last year was thirty-nine, of which five were university societies. In addition to these, two Fabian societies in the colonies —one at Toronto and the other at Christchurch, N.Z.—have been regularized by the adoption of the Fabian Basis, and are in periodical communication with the parent body. A Fabian society has also been formed at Melbourne.

London Local Groups.

The progress of London groups has not been so satisfactory this year as last, owing to the dearth of members willing to become officers of these sections of the Society's activities. The Kensington Group has ceased to meet, but a new group has been formed in Chelsea, a district previously included in the Kensington Group area. The St. Pancras and Central Groups have merged, but the combination has been inactive owing to changes in secretaryship. The Hampstead Group has held propaganda lectures with some success in its area. A new group has been formed at Chiswick, which has held a series of well-attended lectures and discussions. The Clapham Society has kept up an active campaign, holding two series of Suburban Lectures during the autumn and winter. The Forest Gate Group has made strong efforts to influence a very difficult neighborhood by organizing a course of Suburban Lectures and holding other meetings. The Lewisham and District Fabian Group has held two courses of Suburban Lectures and arranged a long list of other lectures and debates. The Marylebone and Paddington Group has held regular meetings, at which lectures have been given. The Sidcup Group has been very active, organizing, among others, a big meeting addressed by Bernard Shaw, and two highly successful gatherings on the Minority Report, addressed by the Organizing Secretary. The groups generally

have done a considerable amount of work in the advocacy of the Minority Report proposals.

Subject Groups.

The Subject Groups have held numerous meetings during the year. The Biology Group has continued its lectures and discussions on the various aspects of the relation of biological science to social progress. The Education Group has held a series of well-attended meetings at Clifford's Inn, at which lectures were given by Professor Sadler, Dr. Wm. Garnett, Mrs. Townshend, F. Kettle and others. The Local Government Group has dealt with the Minority Report Bill, and has begun to study the question of the relation of local government to occupations. The Fabian Women's Group has increased its membership from 203 to 216. It has continued its study of the conditions of Economic Independence for Women by series of papers upon Motherhood and Work, and upon Women's Part in Industrial History. It has also held meetings upon Poor Law Reform, the Trade Boards Act, and the Women's Charter, addressed by Dr. Marion Phillips, Mrs. Townshend, Miss Clementina Black, and Lady Maclaren. The group issued a summary of the papers read during 1908. It financed and otherwise assisted the candidature of Dr. Ethel Bentham for the L.C.C., and rendered electoral help to other members standing for public bodies.

The Fabian Nursery has held its customary meetings at the Fabian Office for lectures and discussions.

The Social Committee has done admirable work in arranging social evenings for the purpose of getting into touch with new members and interesting them in the work of the Society.

Fabian Summer School.

The School has again had a successful year at Llanbedr, North Wales. At Easter a conference, arranged by the Education Group, was held, at which a course of lectures was given on the educational aspects of the Poor Law Reports. There were over thirty guests.

The summer session opened on Saturday, July 24th, and continued until September 11th. As in the previous year, two extra houses, Tymawr and Caermeddyg, were taken for the month of August. The main feature of the session was the course of lectures by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb on "The National Minimum." F. Lawson Dodd acted as director from July 24th to August 14th, and Edw. R. Pease from the latter date until the end of the session. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather which characterized the summer, the School was almost as well attended as before, and the results thoroughly justified the labors of the promoters.

Publications.

The chief new enterprise of the year in this department has been the issue of Tracts with colored covers. An experiment was made with three, the new Tract by Bernard Shaw, an old Tract, "Socialism: True and False," by Sidney Webb, both issued with portraits of the authors, and "Facts for Socialists," for which a design was made

for us by A. E. R. Gill. The results have proved satisfactory in so far that it is evident that larger numbers of the two old Tracts have been sold than would have otherwise been the case, but the extra cost of production has been considerable.

A further experiment is to be made in the publication at 2d. of two new Tracts, on "The Endowment of Motherhood" and on "State Purchase of Railways," in covers with a design given to the Society many years ago by Walter Crane. These were almost completed for publication, but were not actually issued in the period covered by this report.

Five new penny Tracts have been published during the year, one less than in the previous year, when, however, two of the six were in Welsh.

The list is as follows :—

No. 144. "Machinery, its Masters and its Servants." By H. H. SCHLOESSER and CLEMENT GAME.
No. 145. "The Case for School Nurseries." By Mrs. TOWNSHEND.
No. 146. "Socialism and Superior Brains: a reply to Mr. Mallock." By BERNARD SHAW.
No. 147. "Capital and Compensation." By EDWARD R. PEASE.
No. 148. "What a Health Committee can do."

The first of these was the only outcome of our offer made to members, for a limited time, to pay for any MS. offered which proved suitable for publication. The republication of Bernard Shaw's *Fortnightly Review* article in reply to Mr. Mallock was a most successful venture, and 13,000 copies were disposed of in five months. Moreover it was decided to reprint the Tract as a volume in the Socialist Series, published by Fifield, and this was done a few weeks before the close of the year.

Two other volumes in this series have been published since our last report: No. 6, "Socialism and National Minimum," consisting of papers by Mrs. Sidney Webb and Miss Hutchins, and of our Tract on "The Minimum Wage," and No. 7, "The Wastage of Child Life," by Dr. J. Johnston, of Bolton, who kindly allowed us to reprint a series of articles on Infant Mortality chiefly in Lancashire, which had already been issued in a collected form by a local publisher. These later volumes have not proved so popular as those first issued, because, as the Committee was aware, public attention was directed to other matters.

The number of Tracts and Leaflets, apart from the reprints in the Fabian Socialist Series, sold and distributed during recent years is as follows :—

Year ending March	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906
Tracts ...	73,187	89,229	149,594	82,508	56,029
Leaflets ...	23,040	31,760	102,160	63,360	22,060
TOTALS ...	96,227	120,989	251,754	145,868	78,089
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts ...	237	260	476	244	140
Cost of Printing	219	269	518	329	214

Our list of Tracts in the regular series now stands as follows :—

	6d.	2d.	1d.	Questions	Leaflets	Total
Tracts of previous years	0	1	55	1	14	71
„ 1909-10 ...	0	0	5	0	0	5
	0	1	60	1	14	76

The revised edition of the 6d. Tract, "What to Read," is in the press and will soon be ready.

TABLE OF TRACTS PRINTED AND ISSUED DURING YEAR 1909-1910.

Price.	Stock 1 April, '09.	Printed during year.	Total.	Stock 31 Mar., 1910.	Distributed during year.	Cost of Printing, Binding, etc., during year.	Proceeds of Sales(estimd.)	Estimd. Sale Value of present stock.
						£	£	£
1s.	470	—	470	417	53	—	2	3
6d.	225	—	225	—	225	—	4	—
3d.	973	—	973	244	729	—	6	2
2d.	1,169	—	1,169	433	736	—	4	2
1d.	163,304	63,006	226,310	154,866	71,444	213	213	170
Leaflets.	46,030	13,000	59,030	35,990	23,040	6	8	8
Totals	212,171	76,006	288,177	191,950	96,227	£219	£237	£185
1908-9	200,556	132,594	333,150	212,171	120,989	£269	£261	£200

Almost exactly 1,000 copies of Fabian Essays were sold by us during the year. The Walter Scott Publishing Company paid royalties on 9,442 copies sold to 30th June, 1909, the greater part of which was effected in the year 1908-9, and is mentioned in the Annual Report for that period.

THE BOOK BOXES AND MEMBERS' BOOKSHELF.

Notwithstanding the number of important elections during the year, our book boxes have been in steady demand ; the number of subscriptions has increased from 161 to 173, and the sum received (£91 7s. 6d.) is the highest yet recorded.

No large additions have been made to the library, but £24 out of the balance of £34 at the credit of the fund from last year has been spent in purchasing important new books.

There are now about 230 boxes available, but the whole number has not been in use during the year.

The Members' Bookshelf has become a part of the Society's undertakings of which its members regularly avail themselves. During the year 1,056 volumes have been lent, an average of 88 per month, which is exactly the same as last year.

Books were also supplied to the Summer School, where they found many readers.

The following is a classification of the Book Box subscribers for this and previous years :

Year ending	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
I. L. P. Branches	52	45	70	33	31	15
Local Fabian Societies * ...	9	11	12			
Other Socialist Bodies ...	19	33	34	30	13	14
Co-operative Societies ...	27	24	35	23	36	41
Trade Unions	19	15	21	24	21	19
Trades Councils	5	2	9	11	8	19
Ruskin College Classes ...	1	4	4	11	11	7
Miscellaneous	41	27	18	23	38	37
	173	161	203	155	158	152

* These were included in other Socialist Societies previous to 1908.

Annual Dinner and Soirée.

A dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb, in celebration of the part they had taken in the preparation of the Minority Report, was held on May 19th, under the chairmanship of Mr. Graham Wallas, and was attended by about 200 members and friends. Mrs. Webb, in the course of her speech, announced the formation that day of the National Committee to Promote the Break Up of the Poor Law, which has since had so successful a career. Another 200 members attended the soirée which followed the dinner.

Voluntary Work and Workers.

A committee was formed in November to organize the social work of members and others who are prepared to give their time and labor to social reform, and efforts have been made with some success to enlist our members in the service of the Care Committees connected with the London Elementary Schools.

Thanks are due to H. M. Hart, who has superintended our bookstall as in former years, to those members who, under the superintendence of Mrs. Bonhote, on several occasions attended at the Office to do the addressing of wrappers for Fabian News. We hoped to obtain a large amount of volunteer work of this description, but a great part of the available supply has no doubt been absorbed by our vigorous neighbor, the National Committee for

Promoting the Break Up of the Poor Law. We hope, however, that our members will not overlook the needs of their own Society in this respect.

Statistics of Membership.

The following table indicates the changes in membership during the past year:—

	London.	Provincial Societies.	Provinces elsewhere.	University Societies.	Abroad.	Total.
Men ...	755	381	244	306	80	**1766**
Women ...	557	102	97	74	31	**861**
Total ...	**1312**	**483**	**341**	**380**	**111**	**2627**
1909 ...	1277	414	343	339	89	2462
Increase...	**35**	**69**	—	**41**	**22**	**165**
Decrease	—	—	2	—	—	—

Increase in men members ... 5 per cent.; last year 18 per cent.

Increase in women members 9 per cent.; last year 35 per cent.

During the year 404 candidates were elected, which compares with 665, 817, and 455 in the three previous years. A more regular system of striking off members in default has been introduced, and the present list more nearly represents the true position of the Society than at any previous period. The loss by this process and by resignation and death has been 239, 21 more than last year.

The number of associates is 225, an increase of 11 during the year.

The number of members of Provincial Societies who are not members of the London Society is about 750.

The Year's Finance.

The amount received from members and friends for all purposes during the year was £2,320, an increase of £400 over last year, and greatly in excess of any earlier year. Only three years ago the total so received was no more than £771; but of course the Parliamentary Fund for the General Election, amounting to £710, was an exceptional demand, which would not be made in ordinary years.

Our receipts generally show steady increases, but sales of literature have fallen off, an experience in which we are not peculiar amongst Socialist bodies.

During last year Mr. Fifield paid us the proceeds of the first sales of our new Fabian Series published by him. This year he has sold volumes to the value of £57 (in addition to copies supplied to us for sale), but we have spent £149 for three new volumes and for reprints, all fully paid for, the proceeds of which we hope to receive in due course.

The reprint of the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission shows a satisfactory gross profit of £66, in addition to £23 taken into last year's accounts, against which, however, must be set an uncertain amount for postage and carriage.

Our publishing transactions are now much more complicated than they were a few years ago, and it is not so easy as before to compare the proceeds of Tracts with the cost of printing. It appears, however, that during the past year, notwithstanding the increasing number of new Tracts sent to our growing list of members aud associates, the sales show a balance of profit for the first time since 1899.

MABEL ATKINSON.
H. GRANVILLE BARKER.
ETHEL BENTHAM.
HUBERT BLAND.
F. LAWSON DODD.
R. C. K. ENSOR.
L. HADEN GUEST.
STEWART D. HEADLAM.
B. L. HUTCHINS.
AYLMER MAUDE.
L. G. CHIOZZA MONEY.
MILLICENT B. MURBY.
EDWARD R. PEASE.
MAUD REEVES.
W. S. SANDERS.
CLIFFORD D. SHARP.
G. BERNARD SHAW.
CHARLOTTE F. SHAW.
GEORGE STANDRING.
SIDNEY WEBB.
CATHERINE WELLS.

Executive Committee, 1909-10.

RULES.

DEFINITIONS.

1.—The words "due notice" shall mean that the notice is received by the General Secretary before the 23rd day of any month for publication in the next issue of FABIAN NEWS, or as provided in Rule 8, Clause 2.

2.—A public meeting shall mean a meeting to which non-members are admitted A private meeting shall mean a meeting confined to members of the Society.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

3.—Before the Annual Meeting to be held in May, the Society shall elect by ballot a Treasurer and an Executive Committee of twenty-one members to hold office for one year. Due notice shall be given of all nominations for these offices. Voting papers shall be sent to all members, together with the April number of the NEWS, and they shall be returned to the General Office on or before April 20th. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Society, whose duty it shall be to open the ballot-box, to count the votes, and to certify to the General Secretary before April 23rd, for publication in the NEWS, the number of votes polled. The new Executive shall come into office on April 25th. In case of Easter occurring about the dates named, the Executive may alter them, giving due notice thereof; but no alteration shall exceed seven days. In case of a tie, the candidate who has been longest a member of the Society shall be elected. Any vacancies which occur during the year shall be filled by election after due notice, but only in the event of the number of the Committee falling below nineteen. Five members shall be a quorum. Any member absent from four consecutive meetings of the Committee or its standing Sub-Committees without obtaining leave of absence, shall be deemed to have vacated his seat on the Committee or the Sub-Committee.

4.—The Executive Committee shall conduct the general business of the Society, appoint the paid officers, prepare and publish tracts, subject to Rule 9, and appoint all delegates to represent the Society. It shall constitute three standing sub-committees to deal with (1) Organizing and Propaganda; (2) Publishing; and (3) Finance and General Purposes.

COMMITTEES.

5.—Committees for special purposes shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, but notice of such committees (exclusive of those dealing with purely Executive business) shall be published beforehand in the FABIAN NEWS, or at private meetings, in order that any member desirous to serve on such committees may have the opportunity of sending in his or her name for consideration by the Executive.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

6.—Resolutions of which due notice has been given shall be placed on the agenda of the first private meeting of the Society after such notice has been published; provided that when any resolution has been discussed and voted on, and within twelve months of the date thereof notice is given of a resolution on the same subject, the Executive Committee shall be authorized, if they think fit, to defer placing the resolution on the agenda for any meeting until the expiration of the said twelve months. Resolutions shall not be moved without due notice, except after a vote of urgency has been carried. Business may be taken at a public meeting, but only with the consent of the chairman previously obtained.

7.—Any resolution, not affecting the constitution of the Society, its Rules or its Basis, may be declared urgent by a majority of three-fourths of the members present in a private meeting of not less than twenty-five members, and, if so declared, shall be discussed and voted upon forthwith.

8.—When a requisition signed by not less than fifty members is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss any resolution, the Executive Committee shall order the resolution to be printed in FABIAN NEWS, and shall appoint for the meeting the earliest convenient date thereafter.

When a requisition of urgency, signed by not less than one hundred members, is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss a specific notice of motion, he shall summon such meeting for a date within fourteen days from the receipt thereof, and shall within seven days notify the same to all members, by circular or otherwise.

Tracts.

9.—Except in cases of emergency, notice shall be given by the Executive Committee, either in Fabian News or by special circular, of any tracts proposed to be issued in the name of the Society, and every such tract shall be submitted to the members at a private meeting, and shall only be published when adopted by that meeting.

In case of emergency a tract may be adopted at any private meeting upon a vote of urgency.

Tracts bearing the name of the author may be issued by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Society.

Membership.

10.—Every candidate must sign a declaration that he accepts the Basis of the Society, and must make a contribution to the funds before election, the amount to be returned if he is not elected.

The names of all candidates shall be printed in Fabian News, and candidates shall afterwards be submitted for election, which shall be by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

11.—Members who do not take part in the work of the Society and subscribe to its funds during one year may be removed from the list of members at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

12.—A member may be expelled from the Society by a vote of more than three-fourths of the members present at a meeting of not less than fifty members. Due notice of the motion shall be given to the General Secretary; but such notice shall not be valid and shall not be printed in Fabian News without the sanction of the Executive Committee.

Subscription.

13.—Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means.

Associates.

14.—Any person may become an Associate by signing a statement that he is in general sympathy with and desirous of promoting the work of the Society.

Associates must pay an annual subscription of at least 10s., and are entitled to attend all the meetings not expressly confined to members, and to receive all the ordinary publications. But they are not entitled to vote at meetings of the Society or to take any other part in the management of its affairs.

Groups.

15.—The members resident in or near London shall, for the purpose of local work, be divided by the Executive Committee into Groups according to the localities in which they reside. Each Group shall elect a Secretary, who shall keep a list of the Group members, and shall organize the work of the Group.

The Group Secretary will be removable by a vote of the Group, at a meeting attended by not less than one-third of the Group members, or by a vote of the Society after due notice has been given.

A meeting of any Group may be summoned either by the Group Secretary or by the General Secretary by order of the Executive Committee.

A Group may appoint delegates to any body dealing specially with the affairs of the Group area.

Groups for particular subjects may be formed in accordance with such regulations as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

Annual Report.

16.—The Annual Report and Balance Sheet, made up to March 31st, shall be sent to members at least seven days before the Annual Meeting.

Alteration of Rules and Basis.

17.—No alteration of, or addition to, the Rules shall be made without due notice; or at any meeting other than the Annual Meeting, except by a vote of more than three-fourths of the members present at a meeting of not less than fifty members.

No alteration of, or addition to, the Basis shall be made until it has been adopted, after due notice given, by a vote of more than three-fourths of the members present at an Annual Meeting, and confirmed by a similar vote at a Special Private Meeting held after an interval of not less than six months.

Referendum.

18.—The Executive Committee may at any time refer any question to the decision of the whole Society, the voting to be by letter.

Any mover of a resolution which, at a meeting of the Society, has been supported by not less than one hundred members may claim a poll of the whole Society, the voting to be by letter. If an amendment is carried, and the original resolution is therefore not put, the mover thereof shall have the right to demand before the next business that the chairman take a count of the members who support the resolution, and if this number is not less than one hundred, the mover may claim a referendum as aforesaid.

BY-LAWS FOR LOCAL FABIAN SOCIETY AND FABIAN GROUP ORGANIZATION.

I.—The County of London.

1. Any ten or more members may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, form themselves into a local group.

2. Every such group shall consist of members of the Society in its area, and such other Fabians as it may elect; it may elect its own associates, provided that associateship of a group shall not, as such, confer the privileges of associateship of the Society.

3. Every local group shall elect a secretary, who shall be the medium of communication between the group and the Executive Committee.

4. Every local secretary shall forward a report to the Executive Committee at least once a quarter.

5. Every such group shall be bound by all resolutions of the parent Society.

6. The Executive Committee, co-operating with existing local groups, shall constantly work for the establishment of local groups in districts where such do not exist.

II.—Special Subject Groups.

The regulations for Special Subject Groups shall be the same as those for local groups in so far as applicable, except that

Special Subject Groups shall elect their own members from amongst the members of the Society.

III.—The Provinces.

A. Local Fabian Societies.

1. Local Fabian Societies shall adopt the Fabian Basis, or some Basis which has been sanctioned by the Executive Committee of the parent Society, and all their members shall sign the said Basis.

2. Subject to the above, local Fabian Societies shall enjoy complete autonomy as to the election of their officers, members, and associates, the conduct of their business, and the disposal of their funds, and shall not be bound by any resolution of the parent Society.

3. The reports of the local Societies shall be inserted in Fabian News, subject to the exigencies of space and the general control of the editor.

4. Conferences between representatives of the parent Society and the local Fabian Societies shall be held, if possible, at regular intervals.

B. Local Groups.

1. Where no local Fabian Society exists, the Executive Committee, co-operating as far as possible with Fabian Societies elsewhere, shall endeavor to establish Fabian local groups, and such groups may be formed in any locality on the initiative of any local Fabians.

2. Such groups shall be constituted of any five or more Fabians, and shall have a status similar to that of local groups within the London area.

Dr. Abstract of Accounts for Year

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1909. £	s.	d.
To Balance at Credit of Society, 31st March, 1909				36	7	8½	77	14	9½
„ Receipts during Year, viz.:—									
Subscriptions from Members ...	1,243	2	4				1,169	8	0
Do. Special	120	0	0				120	0	0
Do. from Associates ...	143	5	6				130	19	7
Do. from Non-Members and Sundry Receipts	64	7	6				76	8	6
Do. „ L.C.C. Electn. Fund	40	0	6						
				1,610	15	10			
Sale of Literature, etc. (volumes being estimated at £33) ...	270	11	0				333	4	9
Do. Volumes by Fifield	56	18	11				279	16	0
Do. Minority Report	209	16	9				223	0	10
				537	6	8			
Advertisements				26	7	10	23	16	4
Royalties				32	15	0	20	0	3
Book Box Fees				91	7	6	84	0	6
Book Boxes and Library:—									
Balance in hand, 31st March, 1909...	34	0	6½				159	1	0
							Donations		
Books sold, or lost and paid for, etc.	5	11	0				20	6	4½
				39	11	6½	20	0	0
							"New Worlds"		
Suburban and Provincial Lectures:									
Grant	200	0	0				100	0	0
Sundry Receipts	6	13	6						
				206	13	6	128	0	1
							St. James's Hall		
Dinner and Soirée:—									
Ticket sales				69	2	0	40	10	0
Parliamentary Fund:—									
Balance brought forward ...	8	2	4						
Deposit uplifted	140	0	0						
Interest on Deposits	2	5	4						
Subscriptions	709	19	0				422	15	0
				860	6	8			
				£3,510	14	3	£3,429	2	0

ending 31st March, 1910. Cr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1909. £ s. d.
By Expenditure during Year, viz.:—			
Hire of Halls for Lectures, less refunds		83 19 0	55 9 0
Purchase of Literature, etc.	64 9 1		46 0 0
Printing and Advertising Tracts ..	218 14 1		269 0 4
Payments to A. C. Fifield	148 14 10		135 7 9
Minority Reports, Cost	143 15 0½		200 0 0
		575 13 0½	
Printing Fabian News		123 11 0	137 11 6
General Printing		69 11 6	102 16 2
Grants to Groups for special purposes		5 0 0	23 8 0
Grants to other bodies :—			
Labor Party Dues, etc.	26 18 8		22 15 10
International Socialist Bureau Dues	14 0 0		14 0 0
Sundries	2 13 6		3 19 6
		43 12 2	
Office Expenses, viz. :—			
Salaries	668 4 0		666 12 0
Overtime, Typing, etc.	22 3 2		26 9 10
Furniture for New Office	25 2 6		42 18 0
Rent, Cleaning, Coals, etc. ...	191 14 8		123 17 0
Postage and Parcels	187 19 0		209 1 0
Telephone Subscription	6 10 0		6 10 0
Printer : Despatching News ...	23 18 6		23 14 0
Stationery and Miscellaneous ...	64 7 0¾		60 18 8½
		1,189 18 10¾	
Book Boxes and Library :—			
Books Purchased and Expenses ...	31 18 1¾		145 6 10
Balance Unexpended	7 13 4¾		34 0 6½
		39 11 6½	* 20 0 0
Suburban Lectures, *less* local receipts	177 2 11½		170 0 9
Provincial Lectures	195 15 1		285 19 6
Organizers' Travelling Expenses ...	10 18 3		17 3 1
		383 16 3½	† 81 0 5½
Dinner and Soirée Expenses... ...		67 12 5	45 19 6
Parliamentary Fund :—			* "*New Worlds*"
Huddersfield Election 245 12 6			† *St. James's Hall*
Do. Local Organizer 26 0 0			
	271 12 6		274 12 8
			Taunton
Portsmouth Bye-Election Campaign ... 200 0 0			
Do. General Election 270 0 0			
Do. Local Organizer 75 0 0			
	545 0 0		
Manchester Conference Travelling Expenses	3 7 6		
Deposited at Bank	40 0 0		140 0 0
In hand	0 6 8		8 2 4
		860 6 8	
L.C.C. Election Fund :—			
Paid to Candidates		40 0 6	
Balance at Credit of Society, 31st March, 1910 :—			
Bank Balance	37 13 0		
Sundry Debtors	21 17 11½		
	59 10 11½		
Less Sundry Creditors	31 9 8¾		
		28 1 2¾	36 7 8½
		£3,510 14 3	£3,429 2 0

I have examined the above account and compared it with the Books and Vouchers of the Society, and find the same to be correct.

9 Arundel Street, Strand, W.C.
May 27th, 1910.

W. Hector Thomson, Chartered Accountant. } Auditor.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF FABIAN SOCIETIES.

I.

With the object of stimulating and promoting the work of the local societies and groups, and for conferring upon questions of common concern, the Executive Committee of the parent Society shall, at least once in each year, convene a conference of duly elected representatives of groups and local Fabian Societies.

II.

The conference shall consist of (a) one representative of each group or local society having a membership as hereinafter defined of not more than fifty, together with an additional representative for every fifty additional members or part thereof; (b) the members of the Executive Committee of the parent Society, together with (if not members of the Executive Committee) the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Organizing Secretary, and the Trustees of the Parliamentary Fund.

The membership for this purpose shall be reckoned as including (a) all the members of each group and such members of each local society as are also members of the parent Society, and (b) members of the local Fabian Societies who are not members of the parent Society on whose behalf the local society has remitted to the Treasurer a capitation fee of one shilling.

III.

To every member of the conference residing more than twenty miles from the place of meeting the Treasurer of the parent Society shall pay the amount of third class railway fare there and back, and (unless hospitality can be arranged) a sum of seven shillings and sixpence per night spent away from home for other expenses. A conference fee, sufficient to cover the total of these and the other necessary expenses of the conference (which ought, if possible, not to exceed one pound per representative) shall be payable to the Treasurer of the parent Society by the group or society sending the representative.

IV.

There shall be laid before each conference for discussion and such resolutions as may be decided on by the members present:

(a) A report by the Executive Committee upon the progress of the work of the several societies and groups since the last conference.

(b) Any suggestions sent in for consideration by the conference or prepared by the Executive Committee as to the work of the several societies and groups, such as:

(1) Methods of propaganda.

(2) Organization of lecturing.

(3) Literature.

(4) Education of members and investigations or study.

(5) The political activities within the reach of each society.

(6) Any other subject that may be deemed within the scope of the conference.

(c) The arrangements for the conference itself.

On any of the above matters (a), (b), (c), any resolutions arrived at by the conference should take the form of recommendations to the Executive or to the several groups or local societies.

If it should be deemed necessary at any time to take action on any of the following matters, such action shall not be taken by the parent Society or by any of the local societies until the proposal has been brought before the conference for discussion and (if so decided) ordered for referendum :

(d) Any alteration in the Basis of the Fabian Society.

(e) Any union, affiliation or formal alliance with any other society, or with any political party, whereby the freedom of action of any society or group, or of the officers or members thereof, is in any way limited, or any termination of such a union, affiliation, or formal alliance already entered into.

(f) Any change in the constitution of the conference, or of these regulations, or in the amount of the capitation fee.

On any of the above matters (d), (e), (f), the conference may pass resolutions, either in terms of recommendation or else mandatory. In the latter case they shall be binding on the Executive Committee, the groups and the local societies, unless the conference itself, the Executive Committee, or local societies containing not less than one-tenth of the membership entitled to be represented at the conference, ask that a referendum of such members be taken.

There shall be supplied free of charge to the Secretaries of local Fabian Societies the cost being deemed to be covered by the capitation fee) a sufficient number of copies of FABIAN NEWS, and of all tracts supplied gratuitously to members, to enable every member or associate on whose behalf a capitation fee has been paid to receive a copy ; and the local societies shall be bound to place such copies without delay in the hands of all their members, by post or otherwise.

LOCAL FABIAN SOCIETIES.

Bolton.—Formed June, 1909. Held public meetings and members' meetings for study. Members 20, associate one. Secretary, F. Cheadle, 2 Moncrieffe Street, Bolton.

Brighton.—Secretary, H. Milner Black, 16 New Steyne, Brighton.

Bristol.—Meets fortnightly. Organized large meetings on Minority Report. Members lecture frequently to other bodies. Many activities. Members 64, associates two. One town councillor on its membership roll. Secretary, J. W. Barry, 21 Beech Road, Horfield, Bristol.

Buckhurst Hill and Woodford.—Considerable number of lectures given by members. Debates and correspondence conducted. Two councillors, one guardian, and one member of Education Committee on membership roll. Members 24, associate one. Secretary, G. H. Ellis, 2 Limetree Villas, Princes Road, Buckhurst Hill.

Burnley.—Newspaper correspondence and other propaganda. Members 24, associates five. Secretary, R. Chambers, 149 Brunshaw Road, Burnley.

Cambridge.—Formed May, 1910. Secretary, W. N. Edwards, Penwith, Hills Road, Cambridge.

Cardiff.—Secretary, A. E. Shippobotham, 53 Queen Street, Cardiff.

Chelmsford.—Members 11. Holds regular meetings for lectures and discussions. Secretary, W. G. Smith, Bella Vista, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

Chesterfield.—Formed January, 1910. Members 12, associates two. Secretary, F. Betts, Mancroft, Derby Road, Chesterfield.

Colchester.—Formed November, 1909. Members 18. Secretary, Mr. M. Jobling, Glenridding, Lexden, near Colchester.

Coventry.—Organized courses of lectures and a demonstration on Minority Report. Meets monthly. City councillor on membership roll. Members 23. Secretary, Miss E. Betts, Villafranca, Birkswell, near Coventry.

Croydon.—Secretaryship vacant.

Darwen.—Lectures, press correspondence, and other propaganda work. Members seven. Secretary, F. S. Walkden, 5 Pearson Street, Darwen.

Edinburgh.—Member of city council and school board on membership roll. Members 24. Secretary, James G. Glen, 19 Downie Street, Edinburgh.

Glasgow.—Many lectures given to other bodies. Meetings organized for Minority Report propaganda. Minority Report class met weekly. One city councillor, one parish councillor, and four members of school boards on membership roll. Members 86, associates eight. Secretary, Wm. Gillies, 48 Grove Street, Glasgow.

Golder's Green.—Formed July, 1909. Held courses of propaganda and educational lectures. Members 43, associates and subscribers six. Secretary, Miss Enid Steele, 57 Hampstead Way, Golder's Green.

Huddersfield.—Active campaign for the Break Up of the Poor Law. Members 18. Secretary, Herbert Shaw, Brook Lynn, Dewhurst Road, Huddersfield.

Hull.—Secretary, Wm. Gleadhill, Marfleet Lane, Holderness Road, Hull.

Ilford.—Secretary, F. Bowman, 83 Woodlands Road, Ilford.

Leeds.—Secretary, P. Hammill Baldwinson, 123 Geldard Road, Leeds.

Leicester.—Vigorous propaganda campaign carried on. One alderman, one town councillor, one guardian on membership roll. Members 48. Secretary, W. G. Brookes, 17 St. Stephen's Road, Leicester.

Letchworth.—Held series of public lectures; reading circle; members addressed meetings in surrounding district. One county councillor, five parish councillors, one rural district councillor. Members 108. Secretary, W. J. Brooks, Westholm, Letchworth.

Liverpool.—Still the most active of local societies. The annual report gives evidence of great vitality and energy. Activities are, as usual, too numerous to specify. One elective auditor on membership roll. Members 101. Secretary, S. Reeves, 316 Derby Road, Bootle.

Llandudno.—Secretary, F. H. Knowles, Borthyn, Victoria Avenue, Llandudno.

Manchester.—Public meetings and press correspondence organized; issued pamphlet on medical profession; arranged a municipal information bureau. One city councillor on membership roll. Members 107. Secretary, D. Thompson, 15 Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

Marlborough.—Press correspondence and lectures organized. Members 11. Secretary, S. F. Goodchild, Meggen, Marlborough.

Newcastle-under-Lyme.—Formed February, 1910. Meetings held weekly. Press correspondence arranged. One Member of Parliament and county councillor on membership roll. Members 40. Secretary, John Allison, 5 Stanley Terrace, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Palmers Green and District.—Secretary, F. A. Browne, 38 Meadowcroft Road, Palmers Green, N.

Perth.—Secretary, Thomas T. Watson, Karpoma, Craigend, Perth.

Reading.—Held series of lectures on Fabian Basis. Lectures given to other societies on Minority Report. Members 38, associates seven. Secretary, F. B. Mason, 25 Green Road, Reading.

Sevenoaks.—Formed December, 1910. Secretary, W. J. O'Donnell, Tarn Villa, Longford, Sevenoaks.

Sheffield.—Organized public lectures in and around Sheffield, indoor and outdoor. One city councillor, one elective auditor, and one guardian on membership roll. Members 80. Secretary, J. H. Bingham, 44 Mona Road, Sheffield.

Southampton.—Formed January, 1910. Secretary, R. Moon, 1 Grosvenor Square, Southampton.

Swansea (F.G.)—Secretary, Paul Cocks, 7 Mirador Crescent, Swansea.

Tunbridge Wells.—Formed June, 1909. Held a course of lectures on Minority Report and a series of members' meetings on same. One town councillor on membership roll. Members 20, associates two. Secretary, J. C. Walton, Ardenhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

Walsall.—Organized public meetings, press correspondence, lectures to other bodies and debates. Members 22, associates five. Secretary, Miss R. Harlock, 65 Wednesbury Road, Walsall.

York.—Secretary, E. Cooke, Clifton Manor, York.

UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETIES.

Cambridge.—Propaganda in Cambridge and surrounding districts by means of debates, lectures to all kinds of clubs, societies and institutions in organized public meetings. Made special study of Minority Report. Members 95, associates 135. Secretary, G. W. Paget, Caius College.

Edinburgh.—Acquired club rooms. Held debates with university societies. Organized demonstration on Minority Report. Members 35, associates five. Secretary, H. B. Hare, Fabian Society Rooms, 4 Bristo Port, Edinburgh.

Glasgow.—Secretary, Wm. McKinlay, Ellenbank, Montrose Street, Edinburgh.

Liverpool.—Formed January, 1910. Members 18, associates two. Secretary, A. M. Kinninmonth, University of Liverpool.

London.—Secretaries, R. Jones, 26 Linden Avenue, Willesden, N.W., and H. Blackman, 15 Old Road, Lee, S.E.

Manchester.—Secretaries, Miss Mary Benson, 13 Bates Street, Longsight; J. H. Doughty, "Dawlish," Victoria Park, Manchester.

Oxford.—Holds members' and public meetings. Members 92, associates 74. Secretary, W. Mellor, Exeter College.

Oxford (Women's Group).—Secretary, Miss J. M. Upcott, Somerville College.

LONDON GROUPS.

Central District and St. Pancras.—Secretary (pro tem), Miss M. A Ellis, 55 Tonbridge House, King's Cross.

Chelsea.—Secretary, Mrs. Squire, 33 Markham Square, Chelsea.

Chiswick.—Secretary, Miss M. Grant, 26 The Avenue, Bedford Park, W.

Clapham and District (F.S.)—Secretary, Miss Murby, 135 Ramsden Road, Balham, S.W.

Deptford.—Secretary, Laurence E. V. Tiffen, 51 Sprules Road, Brockley, S.E.

Dulwich and District.—Secretary, St. John G. Ervine, 6 Green Dragon Court, St. Andrew's Hill, E.C.

Forest Gate.—Secretary, F. G. Osborn, 109 Windsor Road, Forest Gate, E.

Hampstead.—Secretary (pro tem.), W. Krätzel, 184 Blomfield Terrace. W.

Kensington.—Secretary (pro tem.), Mrs. T. La Chard, 92 Talbot Road, Bayswater, W.

Lewisham.—Secretary, R. D. Anderson, 120 Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, S.E.

Marylebone and Paddington.—Secretary, Miss C. L. Hayland, 200 Wymering Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.

Sidcup and District.—Secretary, Miss Rose Gardner, 21 Granville Road, Sidcup.

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